

difference in the result. I understand that; this has been debated here almost as an academic question in its effect, but nevertheless I fully agree with what the Senator from Texas said about it; and I desire simply to go on record with my reason for voting against referring the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on the motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. CULLOM. I move that the Senate adjourn until Monday next.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until Monday, November 23, 1903, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, November 20, 1903.

The House met at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. HENRY N. COUDEN, D. D.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

SWEARING IN OF A MEMBER.

Mr. RIXEY. Mr. Speaker—

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Mr. RIXEY. I desire to make a motion that the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Claude Kitchin, be sworn in.

The SPEAKER. Let the gentleman come forward.

Thereupon Mr. Claude Kitchin, a Member-elect from the Second district of North Carolina, appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office prescribed by law.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

By unanimous consent, Mr. LANNING obtained leave of absence for ten days on account of important business.

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the House, under its previous order, adjourned until Tuesday, November 24, 1903, at 12 o'clock noon.

PUBLIC BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS.

Under clause 3 of Rule XXII, bills, resolutions, and memorials of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. MONDELL: A bill (H. R. 4681) granting to the State of Wyoming 50,000 acres of land to aid in the continuation, enlargement, and maintenance of the Wyoming State Soldiers and Sailors' Home—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4682) to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Rawlins, in the State of Wyoming—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. RUCKER: A bill (H. R. 4683) providing for the erection of a public building at Trenton, Mo.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4684) providing for the erection of a public building at Carrollton, Mo.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4685) providing for the erection of a public building at Brookfield, Mo.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. ZENOR: A bill (H. R. 4686) for the erection of a public building at Jeffersonville, Clark County, Ind.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. WADSWORTH: A bill (H. R. 4687) for the erection of a public building at North Tonawanda, N. Y.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. OTIS: A bill (H. R. 4688) making appropriation for the construction and completion of Eastchester Creek—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4689) for the improvement of the harbor at Tarrytown, N. Y.—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. THOMPSON: A bill (H. R. 4690) to improve and to continue the improvement of the Coosa River—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4691) to appropriate \$2,500 to erect a soldiers' monument at Emuckfaw, Tallapoosa County, Ala.—to the Committee on the Library.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4692) to provide for the erection and maintenance of a Soldiers' Home in the Fifth Congressional district of Alabama and an appropriation of \$100,000 for same—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4693) to amend the Bowman Act, volume 22, Statutes at Large, page 485—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4694) to appropriate \$100,000 for the relief

of parties for property taken from them by military forces of the United States—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. DICK: A bill (H. R. 4696) providing for penalty envelopes for return vouchers in mailing pension checks—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. MARSHALL: A bill (H. R. 4697) to provide free mail transmission in the presentation for payment of executed vouchers for pension—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. FIELD: A bill (H. R. 4698) to provide for the erection of a public building at Corsicana, Tex.—to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. DAVIDSON: A bill (H. R. 4699) to prevent the desecration of the American flag—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McANDREWS: A resolution (H. Res. 28) making inquiry as to the material to be used in the construction of the union station in the city of Washington, D. C.—to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. STEPHENS of Texas: A bill (H. R. 4695) to pay deputy clerks in the Indian Territory their salaries for recording legal documents—to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: A bill (H. R. 4700) granting an increase of pension to Rosetta Galbraith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4701) granting an increase of pension to David P. De Tar—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4702) granting an increase of pension to John T. Collins—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4703) granting an increase of pension to S. R. Beckwith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4704) granting an increase of pension to James H. Devin, alias Harrison J. Devin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4705) granting an increase of pension to John C. Marshall—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BURGESS: A bill (H. R. 4706) to pay Lavaca County National Bank \$105—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. COWHERD: A bill (H. R. 4707) granting a pension to Margaret J. Snook—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CROWLEY: A bill (H. R. 4708) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Engle—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: A bill (H. R. 4709) granting an increase of pension to John S. Kephart—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4710) granting an increase of pension to John Parker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4711) granting an increase of pension to David Ennis—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4712) granting an increase of pension to Thomas H. Ballard—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4713) granting an increase of pension to Hensley H. Kirk—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4714) granting an increase of pension to Curtis C. Bliton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GRANGER: A bill (H. R. 4715) for the relief of Patrick J. Sullivan, Jeremiah McCarthey, and Bartholomew Shea, and for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of John B. Dillon—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. HAMILTON: A bill (H. R. 4716) granting an increase of pension to Mary B. Long—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HUNT: A bill (H. R. 4717) for the relief of Martha A. Murphy—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4718) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Ballard—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. JACKSON of Maryland: A bill (H. R. 4719) granting an increase of pension to Joseph F. Carter—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. KINKAID: A bill (H. R. 4720) granting a pension to George Evans—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAYNARD: A bill (H. R. 4721) granting an increase of pension to Thomas Hutchinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MADDOX: A bill (H. R. 4722) granting a pension to Charles Jacobs—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MEYER of Louisiana: A bill (H. R. 4723) for the relief of the Stone, Sand, and Gravel Company, of New Orleans, La., and the surety for the performance of its contract with the Government for diverting the mouth of the Yazoo River, near Vicksburg—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4724) for the relief of Susan A. Nicholas—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MONDELL: A bill (H. R. 4725) granting an increase of pension to Edward Burns—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. MURDOCK: A bill (H. R. 4726) granting an increase of pension to S. B. Brightman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4727) granting an increase of pension to George W. Thomas—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4728) granting an increase of pension to William W. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. PRINCE: A bill (H. R. 4729) to grant an honorable discharge to Frederick A. Noeller—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. RAINEY: A bill (H. R. 4730) granting an increase of pension to David W. See—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. RICHARDSON of Alabama: A bill (H. R. 4731) for the relief of the heirs of Josiah Springer—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4732) for the relief of the heirs of John Pettipool—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4733) for the relief of Jason Howard—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4734) for the relief of the heirs of George W. Foster, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4735) for the relief of Boling King—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also (by request), a bill (H. R. 4736) for the relief of Maria Agnes White—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4737) for the relief of Nancy J. Howard—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4738) for the relief of Margaret L. Watkins—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4739) for the relief of William B. Olive—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4740) for the relief of Dr. Leroy Pope Walker—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4741) for the relief of the heirs of Kennon H. Steger, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4742) for the relief of Calvin S. Hill—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4743) for the relief of Xantippe Jackson—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4744) for the relief of the heirs of Sarah Schrimsher—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4745) for the relief of Joseph A. Hardwick—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4746) for the relief of Mary C. Smith, heir at law of Alexander F. Perryman, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4747) for the relief of John McMurtry—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4748) to authorize the Secretary of War to correct the record of Calhoun Malone—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4749) to refer the claim of Mrs. Jennia Brumby against the United States to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4750) to place W. I. Jackson on the pension roll—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. SHOBER: A bill (H. R. 4751) granting an increase of pension to Leroy S. Smith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH of Iowa: A bill (H. R. 4752) granting an increase of pension to Joseph A. Spaulding—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4753) granting an increase of pension to John Hill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4754) granting an increase of pension to John Lindt—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4755) granting an increase of pension to Sarah A. Robinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4756) granting an increase of pension to Lewis R. Gates—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4757) granting an increase of pension to John Ashmore—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4758) granting an increase of pension to George W. Wicks—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4759) granting an increase of pension to David P. McDonald—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4760) granting an increase of pension to Jasper Reno—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4761) granting an increase of pension to William H. Parsons—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4762) granting an increase of pension to Joseph Raffensperger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4763) granting George W. Wicks and his two children land in lieu of allotments and of annuities—to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4764) granting a pension to John Denny—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4765) granting a pension to Ellen M. Tucker—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4766) for the relief of A. M. Ellis—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4767) for the relief of Charles H. Warren—to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4768) for the relief of the personal representative of Jacob Bogert—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4769) for the relief of C. A. Berry—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4770) for the relief of Daniel J. Ockerson—to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. SNOOK: A bill (H. R. 4771) granting a pension to Aaron Taylor—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4772) granting an increase of pension to John A. Baughman—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4773) granting an increase of pension to Henry Brown—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4774) granting an increase of pension to Wesley B. Brown—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. SOUTHALL: A bill (H. R. 4775) for the relief of the estate of Richard M. Harrison, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4776) for the relief of W. H. Harrison—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4777) for the relief of Bettie Eppes Mine-tree, sole heir of John W. Eppes, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4778) for the relief of the estate of David B. Tennant, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4779) for the relief of R. A. Young—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4780) for the relief of G. W. Browder—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4781) for the relief of Lettie Myers—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4782) for the relief of the estate of John J. Mitchell, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4783) for the relief of the wardens and vestrymen of Old Merchant's Hope Episcopal Church, of Prince George County, Va.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4784) for the relief of Sallie R. Walton—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4785) for the relief of the estate of John B. Ege, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4786) for the relief of the estate of Richard Wiseman, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4787) for the relief of Pickrell & Brooks—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4788) for the relief of the heirs of William Walton, deceased—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4789) for the relief of J. A. Shackleton—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. STEVENS of Minnesota: A bill (H. R. 4790) granting a pension to Annie B. Mosbrugger—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4791) granting a pension to Louis Demarais—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4792) to restore the name of Dominique Demers to the pension roll of the United States—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. TAWNEY: A bill (H. R. 4793) granting an increase of pension to Samuel Prochel—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. THOMPSON: A bill (H. R. 4794) granting a pension to Delania Preston—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4795) granting a pension to Delania Preston, widow of William G. Preston—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4796) granting an increase of pension to Mary J. Allen—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4797) granting an increase of pension to Sydney R. Grigg—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4798) granting an increase of pension to Margaret F. Harris—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4799) granting an increase of pension to Susan De Lamor—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4800) granting an increase of pension to Phillip Mooney—to the Committee on Pensions.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4801) for the relief of Fanny R. Bonner, of Clay County, Ala.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4802) for the relief of Alexander M. Steed, of Clay County, Ala.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4803) for the relief of Thomas Bonner, jr., of Clay County, Ala.—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4804) for the relief J. I. Catney—to the Committee on Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4805) to refer the claim against the United States of Elizabeth Haden to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4806) to pay the estate of Phillip Lightfoot, deceased, the sum of \$1,312 for stores and supplies—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4807) to pay the estate of John M. Ellington the sum of \$7,755 for stores and supplies—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4808) to pay the estate of John A. Brown, deceased, the sum of \$10,952 for stores and supplies—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4809) to pay the estate of Mary Daugherty, deceased, the sum of \$1,045 for stores and supplies—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4810) to pay the estate of Robert Mitchell, deceased, the sum of \$129,150 for stores and supplies—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4811) to pay the estate of Jerry T. Cloud the sum of \$2,530—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4812) to pay the estate of Unity E. Greenwood, of Macon County, Ala., the sum of \$4,550—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4813) to pay to the estate of Sampson B. Cloud the sum of \$1,595—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, a bill (H. R. 4814) to divest title out of United States and vest same in R. W. Allen & Co., to west half of southeast quarter, section 34, township 24 north, range 25 east, standard Southern meridian, Chambers County, Ala.—to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. TOWNSEND: A bill (H. R. 4815) granting a pension to Lizzie Callum—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. WILEY of Alabama: A bill (H. R. 4816) granting an increase of pension to Narcissa Tait—to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. ZENOR: A bill (H. R. 4817) granting a pension to William H. Ward—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of Rule XXII, the following petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

By Mr. BINGHAM: Resolution of the Pennsylvania Shoe Manufacturers' Association, relative to a 35-foot channel for the Delaware River, port of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, memorial of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, relative to a 35-foot channel for the Delaware River, port of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Also, resolution of select and common council of Philadelphia, relative to a 35-foot channel for the Delaware River, port of Philadelphia—to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. BOWERSOCK: Papers to accompany bill to increase pension of James H. Devin—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, petition of citizens of Louisburg, Kans., praying for the passage of a bill to increase pension of Rosetta Galbraith—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. BURKETT: Papers to accompany bill to pension Victor Vifquain—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

Also, papers to accompany bill to pension William McBrien—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. CALDERHEAD: Letter from Cigar Makers' Union No. 345, Kansas City, Kans., protesting against the passage of the Cuban reciprocity bill—to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CALDWELL: Petition of citizens of Illiopolis, Ill., protesting against the passage of a parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

By Mr. CASSINGHAM: Papers to accompany H. R. 2051, to increase the pension of Joseph Jackson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. ESCH: Resolution of Peter Weber Post, No. 257, Grand Army of the Republic, Fountain City, Wis., favoring passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. GRIFFITH: Paper from hardware dealers of Versailles, Ind., protesting against passage of parcels-post bill—to the Committee on the Post-Office and Post-Roads.

Also, paper to accompany bill to increase pension of Curtis C. Bliton—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HITT: Petition of members of Maltby Post, No. 520, Grand Army of the Republic, of Stockton, Ill., favoring passage of a service-pension bill—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. HUFF: Papers to accompany bill granting a pension to Charles D. Fortney—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. LACEY: Resolution of Local Union No. 767, Carpenters and Joiners, of Ottumwa, Iowa, favoring passage of an eight-hour law and anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. McCLELLAN: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 4634, granting increase of pension to Randolph T. Stoops—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MAYNARD: Papers to accompany bill H. R. 3955, for the relief of Robert H. Holland—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, papers to accompany bill to increase pension of Thomas Hutchinson—to the Committee on Invalid Pensions.

By Mr. MOON of Tennessee: Petition of Mary Parker, of Hamilton County, Tenn., praying reference of war claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

Also, petition of heir of Rebecca Cummings, deceased, late of Hamilton County, Tenn., praying reference of war claim to the Court of Claims—to the Committee on War Claims.

By Mr. MURDOCK: Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Wichita, Kans., favoring enlargement of the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. NEEDHAM: Resolution of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, relating to securing an appropriation to aid the Lewis and Clarke Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, to be held in the city of Portland, Oreg., in 1905—to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also, resolution of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, relating to American shipping engaged in the foreign carrying trade—to the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Also, resolution of the board of trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, favoring the passage of an appropriation to purchase the Calaveras grove of big trees in California—to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. OVERSTREET: Petition of the Commercial Club of Indianapolis, Ind., favoring legislation preventing unjust discrimination in freight rates—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

By Mr. PRINCE: Resolution of Local Union No. 893, United Mine Workers of America, Canton, Ill., favoring the passage of an eight-hour law and an anti-injunction bill—to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. WRIGHT: Resolution of the Grain and Flour Exchange of Pittsburg, Pa., favoring enlargement of power of the Interstate Commerce Commission—to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

SENATE.

MONDAY, November 23, 1903.

Rev. J. J. MUIR, D. D., of the city of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Most gracious and ever-blessed God, for our country we pray, asking for a continuance of peace and prosperity within our borders and increased influence for good among the nations of the earth. Regard our President with Thy favor, protecting his life from violence and giving Thy counsels in all his affairs. Upon these Thy servants let Thy blessing rest in the deliberations of the day, and grant that the consciousness of duty well done may be a constant inspiration and benediction. We beg, in the name of Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal of the proceedings of Friday last, when, on request of Mr. GALLINGER, and by unanimous consent, the further reading was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Journal will stand approved.

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL PARK.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a report of the Gettysburg National Park Commission calling attention to the omission of a provision for a monument to Battery E, Fourth United States Artillery, at Gettysburg, and inclosing a draft of a bill to supply the omission and provide the necessary appropriation therefor; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

FINDINGS OF COURT OF CLAIMS.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the assistant clerk of the Court of Claims, transmitting a certified copy of the findings of fact filed by the court in the cause of The trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Huttonsville, W. Va., v. The United States; which, with the accompanying paper, was referred to the Committee on Claims, and ordered to be printed.